# Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) City of Takoma Park Meeting: Thursday 24 October, Hydrangea Room // 7-8.30 pm.

### AGENDA

| Issue/ item  | Person                   | Est.<br>Time |
|--|--------------------------|--------------|
| Review of recent training, etcCPR training statusStop the Bleed # and challenges—why so few?high-rise housing sessions               | Ron Hardy,<br>C Schweber | 10min.       |
| Developing community communication: Issues, EPC contacts list  | ALL                      | 15           |
| Update on projects from Sept Meetingpreparedness information for ill persons: Andyinsurance issues: KathyEPC brochure: Claudine, Ron | A Kelemen<br>K. Quinn    | 30           |
| Discussion of Other activities, training, etc: ?Active assailant / shooter area schools pet safety issues???                         | All                      | 25           |
| Topics for monthly column; potential guests  | All                      | 10           |

Next Meeting: December 12, 2019 7:00PM Council Conference Room

## **Emergency preparedness links:**

Financial Preparedness----<u>https://www.ready.gov/financial-preparedness</u> + column March 2019

MADRA: Mid-Atlantic Disaster Recovery Association <a href="http://www.madra.org/">http://www.madra.org/</a>: quarterly

MD Emergency Management Agency - <a href="http://www.mema.state.md.us/calendar/index.asp">http://www.mema.state.md.us/calendar/index.asp</a>
Emergency Preparedness <a href="https://www.ready.gov/">https://www.ready.gov/</a>

Federal Emergency Management Agency- <a href="http://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.asp?page=all">http://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.asp?page=all</a>

NOTE: next meeting 12 December, 7pm—>Focus 2020

#### Agenda Items:

- Review of recent Training:
  - --how can we increase number of people participating in training? Suggestions: EPC members share with lists, communities (e.g. CHEER); connect with churches in the area; build on existing group meetings (e.g., Village of Takoma Park, PONS) and in locations where people naturally gather (e.g., high rise buildings);
  - --Stop the Bleed: additional sessions in spring
  - --other training: CPR for EPC members; active assailant training,

#### EPC outreach networks

- --EPC contacts list: Identify outreach paths for EPC members to share information, quick brief preparedness action recommendation (in advance of potential problem—e.g., Halloween safety, dealing with power outages if we hear this is happening nearby or predicted; preparing for storm, if one is predicted).
- ----send contact list to Claudine Schweber by Dec 1.
- Update on Projects discussed in September
  - -- Preparedness information for ill persons: Andy Kelemen.
  - <u>'1st Step'</u> actions—what should be 'first step' in the following examples: person falling, losing phone; seriously ill person contacts and decision persons; emergency contact list; file of life.

Action: develop a 'first step' handout; target date?

--insurance issues: Kathleen Quinn

Share information re items such as replacement costs, flood insurance, documenting valuables by taking pictures & keeping in a safe place.

Action: develop brief handout; target date?

--People with Disabilities and Special Needs: Mary Muchui, other?

Source of help: Fire dept help, Village of Takoma Park, Md Dept of Disabilities

Action: collect information and determine how to share

#### Discussion of New Projects

- --EPC brochure: Claudine Schweber, Kathleen Quinn No target date yet.
- --Pet issues and emergency actions: service animals, shelters with/without pets, evacuations; more. Action: obtain information from Takoma Park Animal Clinic; pet issues (Karen, guest). Info dissemination: EPC contacts list; news column, radio; pet groups, City Council. –No target date yet.